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DISCUSSION WITH FRANCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth round of Indo-French Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to hold joint Indo-French Military exercise; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ninth round of Indo-French Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 6th January, 2003.

(b) The outcome of the talks was to confirm a close convergence of views on a range of topical international issues, including terrorism, sensitize the French government to our vital security concerns, and reinforce the basis of our defence and security relations.

(c) & (d): Discussions are going on with France in regard to Indo-French Military exercises.